Seminar on road safety

1251. DR. ISHWAR CHANDRA GUPTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Seminar was organised on 9th January, 1994 on road safety;

(b) if so, what are the main causes of accidents high-lighted in the Seminar and the remedies suggested therefor; and

(c) what are the details of action taken on the recommendations so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir. However, a Seminar on Road Safety was organised on 5th January, 1994.

(b) Some of the causes of accidents highlighted in the Seminar relate to human factors, vehicles factors, bad roads, bad weather, etc. Some of the important measures suggested by various speakers in the Seminar are given in the Statement.

(c) The recommendations have been sent to State Governments for necessary action.

STATEMENT

Remedial steps suggested in the Road Safety Seminar held on 5th January, 1994 to minimise road accidents are as follows

(i) Audio, visual, leaflets etc. relating to 'do' and 'don't' for different categories of road users should be made and presented in more improved style.

(ii) Ministry of Education by means of enactment should make "traffic education" a part of prescribed curricular for school children.

(iii) All Motor Driving Schools which have mushroomed must be regulated and controlled by the State agencies. These Driving Schools should have proper infrastructure facilities and qualified instructors.

(iv) Since pedestrians and cyclists are major victims of road accidents, special education campaign is required towards educating them in road discipline.

(v) Improvement of geometrics along the hill sections.

(vi) Provisions of guard rails on approaches to bridges and high embankments, etc.

(vii) Signalising the unmaned railway level crossings and providing warning signs and rumblers.

(viii) Removal of speed breakers on national and State highways and conforming to international standards where speed humps are absolutely necessary.

(ix) Better street lighting in urban centres and along the main ghats.

(x) Improving the quality of driver education and training and stricter control over the driving licence.

(xi) To have each road provided with proper road markings so as to induce proper lane discipline.

(xii) To maintain and provide sufficient pedestrian facilities.

(xiii) To improve road lighting system on a systematic basis.

Construction of National Highways in Karnataka

1252. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the State of Karnataka has been discriminated in regard to construction of national highways;

(b) whether it is also a fact that not even a single kilometre of National Highway has been constructed in Karnataka since 1972;

(c) whether as against the targets of Road Development Plans of Government of India, specifying 3215 kms. of National Highways during 1961—81 and 3836 kms. by 1981—2001 the State's present length of NH is stagnating at 1997 kms. only; and

(d) what are the reasons for the inaction of the Central Government in approving the State Government's proposal for Bangalore